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Dear David:

I have received your recent letter and I appreciate very much your writing me.

As I wrote you before, I think the appearance before the House Committee was valuable and our testimony was further confirmed by the testimony of Richard Helms.

I would not give up the idea of having your book printed as a paperback book. I think you could add a short sequel, of whatever length you desire, explaining the information which was discovered by the Senate Intelligence Committee and I assume has been developed by the House Committee before which we appeared.

It is a shock to think that a publishing company of quality will not take a book like yours because it is not sensational.

I think you might get around this, and without resorting to sensationalism, by adding at some point the testimony of those who have been writing books and sensational stories, wholly without merit, and answer them from the record of the Commission, and I believe there will be further material from the investigation of the House Committee. For example, Mark Lane has made his living from the assassination and his sworn testimony before the Commission had no information. He has deluded thousands of people, including college students, since the death of President Kennedy. I would write to John

McCloy about this because he must know officials in publishing firms in New York City and I think he would like to be of help.

I think also there could be foundations or associations in the United States who would be willing to advance funds. Even if you could just get your book in the important libraries throughout the United States it will be a record which will be valuable for the future.

Again, with thanks and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Sherman Cooper